

### All Creatures



I just can't seem to help it, I love creatures - great and small, But it's ones that others do not like I love the best of all. I like creepy-crawly beetles And shiny black-backed bugs, Gnats and bats and spiders, And slimy fat black slugs. I like chirpy little crickets And buzzing bumblebees, Lice and mice and ladybirds, And tiny jumping fleas. I like wasps and ants and locusts, Centipedes and snails, Moles and voles and earwigs And rats with long pink tails. I like giant moths with dusty wings And maggots fat and white, Worms and germs and weevils, And fireflies in the night. No, I just can't seem to help it, To me not one's a past, It's ones that others do not like. I seem to love the best. So it makes it rather difficult, It's enough to make me cry, Because my job's in pest control, And I just couldn't hurt a fly.

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# Noun Phrases - Revision Card

## **Nouns and Determiners**

A noun names a person, place, idea, thing or feeling.

the beetles a slug an ant a jop In front of a noun, we often have

a an the

### Adjectives

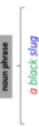
An adjective is a describing word. It tells you more about a noun.

the creepy beetles a black slug

Adjectives sometimes come next to 'their' nouns...

### Noun Phrases

A noun phrase adds extra detail to the noun.



the creepy beetles a difficult job a tiny ant

the very creepy beetles a completely black slug

The noun phrase includes the noun, adjectives and determiner.

It can be made by adding an adjective or two.

### but sometimes they do not. The job is difficult. a difficult job a tiny ant

A noun phrase can be replaced by a pronoun. **Spotting a Noun Phrase** 

The poem is about a difficult job. A tiny ant twitched its antennae. A black slug chewed the leaves. The creepy beetles scuttled by.

> Adverbs can also be part of a noun phrase.

He twitched its antennae. The poem is about it. it chewed the leaves. They scuttled by.





### **Spotting Noun Phrases**

Highlight the noun phrase and underline the head noun.
The first has been done for you.

A huge, hairy spider is on your shoulder.

The rather nervous grey mouse nibbled slowly.

I spotted a long pink tail!

Our picnic was spoilt by relentlessly vicious wasps.

The black, shiny beetles swarmed around the dung.

A slug left a sticky, glistening trail.

The tiny, powerful crickets jumped incredibly high.

The never-resting, always-destructive moles have dug

holes all over the lawn.

### Poem Planner



- Write a list of nouns types of animals. Keep going until you have at least ten. (e.g. foxes, badgers, hedgehogs, owls, etc.)
- Choose one noun as your <u>head noun</u>. Build a noun phrase around this head noun, using adjectives, adverbs and other words.
   (e.g. steadily busy, little prickly hedgehogs)
- 3. Repeat this until you have lots of noun phrases to choose from.
- Pick your best six and reread them, thinking about the impact. Edit so that your words are really powerful.

(e.g. <del>very</del> remarkably bold, <del>bright</del> jewel-eyed foxes)

5. Write your noun phrases as a list poem, in a similar style to All Creatures.

e.g.

### All Animals

I like remarkably bold, jewel-eyed foxes.
I like steadily busy, prickly hedgehogs.
I like proud, striped shovel-snouted snuffling badgers.
I like terrifying ghost-faced barn owls.